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Patent Claims What is claimed is:

1. An electromagnetic switching device ~~(1) having, comprising:~~
~~-an electromagnetic drive apparatus (4) and having:~~
a moving contact element ~~(5) which can be operated, operatable by the~~ ~~by this~~
drive apparatus (4) and ~~can be switchable~~ between a bridging position, which
adapted to connects a pair of stationary contacts ~~(6, 7)~~, and a disconnected position,
adapted to ~~which disconnects the stationary contacts (6, 7), characterized by:~~
an actuating apparatus ~~(3) having including~~ an actuating element ~~(12) which~~
~~interacts~~ adapted to interact with the moving contact element (5) and ~~can be~~
~~moved~~ moveable between an operating position and a safe position, ~~in which~~
~~ease~~ wherein, in the operating position, the moving contact element is switchable ~~(5)~~
~~can be switched by means of the electromagnetic drive apparatus (4) between the~~
bridging position and the disconnected position, and ~~in which ease~~ wherein, by
movement of the actuating element (12) to the safe position, the moving contact
element (5) ~~can be~~ is adapted to be blocked from moving from the bridging position to
the disconnected position, and ~~can be~~ is adapted to be blocked in the disconnected
position.
2. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in~~
~~that wherein~~ the moving contact element is adapted to ~~(5) can be~~ blocked in the
bridging position by the actuating element (12) when the actuating element (12) is in
an on position.
3. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the
actuating apparatus is adapted to be manually operatable, and further comprising:
~~characterized by an auxiliary switch (17) which, coupled to the~~ the manually
operatable actuating apparatus (3) which can be operated manually, adapted to
disconnects the electromagnetic drive apparatus (4) from its power supply when the
actuating element (12) is in the safe position.
4. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim
1, wherein the actuating apparatus is adapted to be manually operatable and wherein

~~characterized in that~~ the electromagnetic drive apparatus (4), the moving contact element (5) and the actuating element (12) ~~which can be operated manually~~ are intersected by a common axis (A).

5. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 1 to 4, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the actuating element is (12) ~~can be movable~~ linearly relative to the moving contact element (5).
6. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the actuating apparatus is (3) ~~which can be operated manually operatable and~~ is mechanically coupled to a basic appliance, ~~the basic appliance including (2) which comprises~~ the electromagnetic drive apparatus, (4) ~~as well as the moving contact element (5) and the stationary contacts (6, 7).~~
7. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the actuating apparatus (3) ~~which can be operated manually~~ is latched to the basic appliance (2), which acts as a contactor.
8. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 7~~, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the actuating apparatus (3) ~~which can be operated manually can be is operatable~~ by way means of a rotary switch (15).
9. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in ~~one of claims~~ claim 1 to 8, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the actuating apparatus (3) ~~which can be operated manually can is adapted to be blocked in the safe position by way means of a lock~~ (16).
10. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the actuating apparatus is adapted to be manually operatable, and further comprising:
an auxiliary switch, coupled to the manually operatable actuating apparatus,
adapted to disconnect the electromagnetic drive apparatus from its power supply
when the actuating element is in the safe position.

11. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the actuating apparatus is adapted to be manually operatable and wherein the electromagnetic drive apparatus, the moving contact element and the actuating element are intersected by a common axis.
12. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the actuating element is movable linearly relative to the moving contact element.
13. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the actuating apparatus is manually operatable and is mechanically coupled to a basic appliance, the basic appliance including the electromagnetic drive apparatus, the moving contact element and the stationary contacts.
14. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the actuating apparatus is latched to the basic appliance, which acts as a contactor.
15. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the actuating apparatus is operatable by way of a rotary switch.
16. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the actuating apparatus is adapted to be blocked in the safe position by way of a lock.
17. An electromagnetic switching device, comprising:
 - a moving contact element, switchable between a bridging position, adapted to connect a pair of stationary contacts, and a disconnected position, adapted to disconnect the stationary contacts;
 - actuating means for interacting with the moving contact element, moveable between an operating position and a safe position; and
 - means for switching the moving contact element between the bridging position and the disconnected position, wherein, by movement of the actuating means to the safe position, the moving contact element is blocked from moving from the bridging position to the disconnected position, and is blocked in the disconnected position.

18. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the moving contact element is blocked in the bridging position by the actuating means when the actuating means is in an on position.

19. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the actuating means is manually operatable, and further comprising:

switching means, coupled to the manually operatable actuating means, for disconnecting the means for switching from its power supply when the actuating means is in the safe position.

20. The electromagnetic switching device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the actuating means is manually operatable and wherein the means for switching, the moving contact element and the actuating means are intersected by a common axis.